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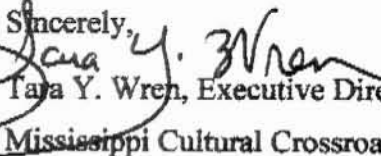
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of the Mississippi Cultural Crossroads, the local arts agency created to support educational opportunities for Claiborne County, Mississippi. We base our programming around our rural communities. We have a population of just 12,000 people in the county and the nearest regional center of arts activity is at least 50 miles away. Many of our families are low-income minorities and we work every day to provide them with more opportunities.

That is why we are excited about the potential for expanded mobile broadband coverage in rural areas that the AT&T and T-Mobile merger (FCC Docket 11-65) would provide. It's important that people in smaller towns have access to technology offered in major metro areas. Our ability to serve more people in our communities will greatly improve which will in turn create a better quality of life right here in Claiborne County.

Please support this merger that will greatly benefit our rural, minority communities in Mississippi.

Sincerely,

Tara Y. Wren, Executive Director
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